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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1869.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

—Gold closed in New York yesterday more active at 301.

—The New York cotton market closed heavy and decidedly lower; sales 2900 bales at 26 1/2.

—At Liverpool cotton closed quiet, uplands 12 1/2, Orleans 12 1/2, sales 6000 bales.

—Detroit has invented a "dummy" for city railroads, that consumes its own smoke and steam.

—Dr. Mary Walker has been lecturing in St. Louis on the necessity of a law compelling men to marry before they reach the age of forty.

—Mr. Horace Greeley, it is said, is about to purchase one thousand acres of land in Virginia, and will parcel it out and settle ten families on the tract.

—The New York Herald says that William B. Astor during the last twenty years has so managed a fortune of twenty millions as to roll it up to sixty millions.

—Mr. Klinglake, the author of the history of the Crimean war, has lost his seat in Parliament because he obtained it by bribery; and he is threatened with a criminal prosecution besides.

—The latest scandal about the Prince of Wales is, that after visiting the scene of the Parisian murder, near Paris, he asked for an interview with the murderer in jail. His request was not granted.

—Alexander T. Stewart, as a beginning of his Hempstead Plains improvement for the benefit of the working men of New York, has contracted for five hundred miles of streets and roadways, and the construction of five hundred dwelling houses.

—The greatest Catholic procession ever witnessed in Montreal, Canada, took place Sunday afternoon, the occasion being the translation of the relics of St. Simeon from Bouscœur's church to the Bishop's palace. Thirty thousand people joined in the procession.

—Miss Kate Field makes her debut in Boston on the lecture platform. Her subject is "The second trip to the Adriatic," where she boasts of having shot a fine buck weighing 200 pounds, and insists that she "killed" it legitimately, nobody holding it by the tail, she never before having handled a rifle.

—The New York Times says: "The success of the Freedmen's Savings and Trust Company of Washington, is matter for congratulation to that institution. The amount of deposits, which reach nearly \$1,500,000, is a highly respectable fact. And the establishment of branches throughout the principal cities of the country argues active business management. But the statement that the company has given \$80,000 for land upon which to erect a handsome bank building at Washington does not convey a favorable impression. The savings of any depositors are not properly do to any such purpose. There is no real necessity for such expenditure."

—The play world of Hamburg has been highly excited by the extraordinary luck of a Maltese millionaire, who broke the bank at Monte Carlo, and won enormous sums at Hamburg in 1865 and 1867. On the very day of his arrival he won 100,000 francs. This agreeable performance, moreover, might be witnessed any of the succeeding days. From the first hour of his arrival, the wealthy Maltese had declared he felt he would win a large sum on the 18th, the anniversary of the day when, in 1867, he carried off 310,000 francs at one swoop; and when he did at the very same hour. The sum was so large as to encumber the table in such a manner that other players could with difficulty find room to lay down their stakes. The keenness of his eye is unrivaled. The bystanders, who crowd around him, are astonished at his telling them beforehand whether the croupier will turn up the winning or losing color; and as for mistakes by inadvertence, he never allows one to pass unnoticed. Whether he wins or loses, he never plays for more than an hour at a day. He is very generous to the needy; but the bank must have felt exceedingly relieved at his departure.

—A correspondent of the Cincinnati Gazette has evidently been treated with an invitation to a Sunday evening tea at the home of the Cary sisters in New York. These little gatherings have long been very popular with the favored friends of the two song-birds who live in a modest little house in a quiet street of Manhattan, and their parties are made brilliant on every Sunday night in water by the gathering of some of the best known literary people of the city. On the evening described by the correspondent, Lord Adair, the son of the Earl of Bunsen, was present with his wife, and the latter is described as looking amused when Miss Phebe Cary energetically remarked that she "wished some other than Booth might become the highlight of the drama in America." Horace Greeley was also of the company, and he roamed about the room "radiating smiles and common sense until he grew tired and took his leave in his own characteristic manner—that is, he wandered vaguely away without saying good-by to anybody." The conversation at these receptions often turns upon spiritualism, both the sisters being spiritualists of the higher type.

—The Bay of San Francisco, one of the most magnificent sheets of water in the world, is sixty miles long, ten miles wide, and the mouth of the bay, on the same parallel as the mouth of Chesapeake Bay. The coast in the vicinity is skirted by a range of lofty hills comparatively destitute of foliage on their southward slopes. The mouth of the bay, Golden Gate, of which Fort Point and North Head are the pillars, is a mile wide, thirty feet deep, and immediately spreads into a broad and beautiful sheet of inland water, which, with San Pablo and Suisun Bays and their connecting straits, is large enough to harbor all the navies of the world.

The bay is studded with islands—Angel Island, Alcatraz, Yerba Buena, Red Rock, The Brothers, The Sisters and Mare Island. Alcatraz is the main fortification of the city, and Mare Island is the seat of the Navy-Yard. The bay is bordered by large tracts of tundra, also by extensive tracts of arable lands. The Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers, with their tributaries, pour a large volume of water into the bay and afford facilities for inland navigation. Scores of steamers plough these inland waters, and hundreds of sloops and schooners—those white-winged birds of the bay—flit to and fro carrying the comforts and luxuries of life inland, and return with the treasures of mountains and valleys.

State Taxes.

Under the Tax act passed by the Legislature in September, 1868, all merchants are taxed upon the average monthly value of the property pertaining to their business in the year ending September 1, 1868. The merchants had already paid during the year 1868, as in 1867, a tax on their sales, according to the then existing rule of taxation. The tax for 1868 was especially heavy, and when the Legislature passed a law that another tax should be paid, in another shape, for the same period, it was thought by many merchants that the last named assessment would, in reality, represent their taxation for 1869. They are informed, however, that the taxes assessed last spring are for the year ending September 1, 1868, and are called on to make new returns for the year ending September 1, 1869, the new tax being payable in March next. This is, to all intents and purposes, a double tax.

Thinking that the Legislature, at the time of the enactment of the present law, was ignorant of the fact that the merchants of the State had already paid a tax on the operations of the year 1868, and with the hope of obtaining some relief for himself and his friends, one of our leading merchants made application, in person and by letter, to the State Auditor, to know whether those who had previously paid should not be exempt from the new tax, or be credited with the amount already paid; and asking, further, whether the payment of the tax of 1869 could not be postponed until the meeting of the Legislature, if the State Auditor could not himself decide the question. To this application Mr. Tomlinson made the following reply:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF AUDITOR OF STATE,
COLUMBIA, S. C., October 18, 1869.

DEAR SIR:—I have carefully considered yours of 15th instant, and also the statements made by you in your interview with me, relative to your exemption from the tax assessed against you and other merchants for the fiscal year 1868. You claim inasmuch as you paid a quarterly tax upon your sales during the year 1868, although said tax was for the fiscal year 1867, therefore the tax now charged and to be collected on the average value of your stock for the year preceding September 1, 1868, is a double tax, and therefore illegal, and should not be collected. You also ask that if I do not feel at liberty to decide the question of the legality of this law, that I will postpone its collection until the Legislature meets, and have an opportunity of acting in the premises.

I need not assure you that I would take pleasure in exercising in favor of your self and other merchants, any power which might be conferred upon me by the Legislature. The question you raise has been before me for some time, and I have been unable, and am still unable, to find anything in the Tax act which would justify me in passing judgment upon the legality of the tax in question. When the present law was passed, although it was known that the quarterly tax referred to was being collected, no exception was made in favor of those who were then paying that tax. Equity might require that such an exception should be made, but the Legislature having failed to make it, it is certainly out of my province to do so.

With regard to the postponement of the collection of this tax, I would say, that in my opinion, the law does not, and did not intend to, confer upon me the authority to postpone the collection of taxes in individual cases. It is manifest that such a power would be liable to great abuse, and defeat the very object of the law, which is to secure an equal, uniform and prompt collection of the taxes.

Without concealing that your view of the question is correct, I am willing to admit that there is much to be said in its favor; and in accordance with my desire to help you all I can, and with the view of bringing the question before the Legislature in the most favorable and practicable way, I will instruct the auditor of each county to make out a list of the merchants in his county who have paid the quarterly tax referred to, with the amount thereof in each case. This statement will be laid before the Legislature, and I have no doubt that the subject will receive the consideration it deserves. If the Legislature grants relief, it will be perfectly practicable to refund the amount overpaid, or to deduct it from the next tax to be collected. If the Legislature should not grant relief, it must be clear to you that any action of the kind you propose would not only fail of its object, but would expose me to the just censure of that body.

I am, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
RICHARDSON, DAWSON & CO.,
State Auditor.

We do not see that Mr. Tomlinson had the power to postpone the collection of the tax, or to credit it to the persons by whom it was paid. All that he can do is to bring the question before the Legislature at its next session, and this is promised in his very temperate and considerate letter. The matter is one which interests every merchant in the State, and will receive, we hope, prompt and thorough attention.

BRUNSWICK, the maritime belle of Savannah, is here alarmed at the threatened rivalry of the neighboring city of Portland, which now claims to be as far ahead of Brunswick, in respect to position and prospects, as Brunswick has hitherto fancied herself ahead of the Forest City. Portland City, we are told, is already beautifully laid out, and will be built up as soon as the people come. Let Port Royal look out—

"For a large fleet has smaller fleet
Which constantly do bite 'em;
These little fleets have lesser fleets,
And so, ad infinitum."

The November number of the *Rural Carolinian* will contain a highly important article on the steam plough, with illustrations. This article should be read by every farmer and planter in the State. We will send THE DAILY NEWS and *Rural Carolinian* for one year for six and a half dollars, or THE WEEKLY NEWS and *Rural Carolinian* for four dollars. This applies to new subscribers only.

The City Hall Saloon.

A Northern capitalist made up his mind to invest several hundred thousand dollars in real estate in Charleston. All his prepossessions were in our favor, and, being a steadfast Republican, our Radical State government had no terrors for him. But he thought it best to visit the city and look about for himself. Soon after his arrival a regular meeting of the City Council was held, and this was at a time when the City Council was confining itself to the election of irresponsible officers, the creation of fat sinecures, and the repeal of obnoxious ordinances.

Any one who will take the trouble to read the proceedings of the last meeting of Council, will see that the stopfathers of the city have covered themselves with a new glory. One at least of their number was both drunk and disorderly, but the Board rather laughed at his buffoonery than treated him with the severity which he deserved. And how could they be hard upon the weak head which could not endure the repeated blivations of the seasoned toper? In the auto-room of Council it is now the custom to place strong drinks of various kinds with which the Aldermen may solace themselves. When the debate is long and dry the Aldermen adjourn to their convenient bar-room and tiddle at their leisure. No wonder that they were merciful toward the poor creature who, may be, drank less although he showed it more!

Mr. Parker Pillsbury has written a sensational letter, in which he gives an awe-inspiring description of what he calls the ignorance and squalor and intemperance of the negroes. We know now that this Radical love of liquor is not confined to the freedmen. Will not Mayor Pillsbury, the brother of the "original abolitionist," treat us to a characteristic chapter, not long but strong, upon the personal habits and official conduct of the scallawag Aldermen of Charleston?

Reviews.

SCHOOL HISTORY OF SOUTH CAROLINA. By Jas. Wood Davidson, A. M. Columbia, S. C.: Duffie Chapman. New York: E. J. Hale & Son.

Mr. Davidson, in the preface to his School History of South Carolina, says that "his aim 'has been to give in plain language an account of such points in the history of the State 'as a schoolboy may understand,' and that in the portion that is subsequent to all the written histories—from 1859 to 1869—"the effort has been to present the events of the 'eventful decade of years in narrative as little 'as possible tinged with sectional feelings—'to state mere facts, free from all argument, 'and comment.' This purpose is well carried out, and the result is—the most convenient and compact school history of the State yet published.

The material of Davidson's history is found in the usual authorities—Rivers, Ramsay, Drayton, Logan, and the rest—and the author has taken great care not to copy the scales of conflicting opinions. It forms no part of the plan of the book to deal with the philosophy of history, but every important fact is given in plain words and with a concise statement of the authorities upon which it is based. The narrative of the complicated and conflicting events of the late war and of the progress and completion of Southern reconstruction, is wholly unexceptionable. It is free from bitterness of expression, and at the same time there is no hint of the truth. The Southerner will find his political position and doctrines tersely stated, but stated in such a way that it will not offend the people of another section. As well as we can judge, Mr. Davidson, in all his statements, is truthful, accurate and just.

Mr. Davidson has executed his task with singular discretion and good taste. What is wanted in schools (and sometimes out of them), is a skeleton history which may be rubbed into the memory until every main fact is precisely and positively known. These main facts are the rallying points of the student. Around them he may gather the information of a lifetime, with the certainty that there will be no waste, and that each new particle of knowledge will add to and strengthen the enlarging unity of his historical information. It is useless to begin with extended histories of a particular event or limited period. In this way there will be much general information, perhaps, but nothing positive and sure. What is wanted is a good foundation upon which to build. There are many men who have carefully read the ponderous tomes of all our old historians who have less effective historical information about this State than they could obtain from Davidson's history in an hour. They began at the wrong end. At the beginning, Macaulay, or Hummel, or Sumner, or Gibbon's Decline and Fall, is far less useful to the student than a catechetical history (Pinnock's for instance), covering the same ground, but when the chief facts are fixed in the mind the student can read up any or every period with certain profit and advantage.

The little book is neatly printed, and is sold at ninety cents.

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Educational.

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